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1. On 29 May 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne 2 km west of Oschatz (N 52/E 71) was occupied to capacity by a unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 T-34 tanks and as many JS tanks were seen in the billeting area. [redacted] the occupation of the installation was increased after 20 May and [redacted] almost all soldiers were recruits. On 27 May, 1 officer and 35 men with red-bordered black epaulets marched to the Lampertsdorf target range. Ten JS tanks were seen driving over the airfield. Rifle and submachine gun fire was heard from the target range on 29 May. Two officers and 33 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns were seen walking to the barracks installation. Truck [redacted] occupied by 30 soldiers, drove to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne coming from the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse. [redacted]

2. On 29 May, the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse was lightly occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]

* [redacted] Comment. Information on the Oschatz military post has been received only [redacted] since December 1951. It cannot be confirmed therefore whether the components of the 9th Tank Div stationed there moved to Zeithain at the end of April with only a rear detail remaining in Oschatz [redacted]. However, the transfer of the troops appears rather probable in view of [redacted] reported a rear detail in the installation on 28 April and 200 men there on 20 May 1952. [redacted] the troops seen in the installation on 29 May belong to the 9th Tank Div. [redacted] It is also possible that the unidentified tank training battalion of the division has been transferred from Biesa to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Oschatz and/or that the 23d Tank Regt remained at the installation. The last possibility would be the most probable if the information that about 60 tanks are stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne were correct.

** [redacted] Comment. The 8th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Tank Div is carried in the Infanterie Kaserne. According to the report, the regiment was presumably at the Zeithain troop training grounds at the end of May 1952.

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